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ABSTRACT

The Teacher Assisting Program in NUSTEP has three major purposes: (a) blending theory and practice so that a prospective teacher can become acquainted with and instructed in a variety of important principles of learning and teaching and at the same time experience those same principles in learning/teaching situations; (b) providing prospective teachers with adequate pre-student teaching experiences so that the student may start at a suitable competency level; and (c) providing personnel trained in certain basic teaching skills that can assist cooperating teachers to individualize instruction. The program consists of three Spirals which contain skills that the assistants are expected to learn and exhibit in teacher assisting. (The assistants are in class for the equivalent of one day per week.) In Spiral 1 the assistants are sensitized to and given initial practice in these skills. Spiral 2 builds on these skills and adds specialized subject area skills. Spiral 3 assists in building these skills into a broad teaching style. (The Spirals and a Teaching Assisting Proficiency Checklist for each one are provided.) (PB)

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Each school has a NUSTEP Staff Member assigned to be of help in any way requested by the building administration or teachers. An administrator for each building is also identified; all NUSTEP materials and requests are routed through the building administrator identified.

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* All Omaha placements are made through the central administrative offices. In the buildings, the building principal is used as direct contact.

** When other locations are used, the subject matter specialist(s) who assign students share responsibility for their supervision.

NUSTEP--Teacher Assisting Program

Purposes of Teacher Assisting in NUSTEP

NUSTEP has as one of its primary purposes the blending of theory and practice so that a prospective teacher might become acquainted with and instructed in a variety of important principles of learning and teaching and at the same time experience those same principles in learning/teaching situations, thus strengthening the learning process. While micro-teaching and other simulated experiences are valuable, the regular classroom experiences are viewed by NUSTEP students as the "real" world of teaching. The teacher assisting aspect of NUSTEP, therefore, is considered a vital and increasingly significant part of the total teacher education process.

A second purpose of the Teacher Assisting aspect of NUSTEP is to provide prospective teachers with adequate pre-student teaching experiences so that the student teacher may start at a level of competency suitable for the schools. Hopefully, the experiences as a Teacher Assistant will enable the student teacher to begin at a higher level and be of greater service to the cooperating teacher and to students in the schools.

The third major purpose of Teacher Assisting is to provide personnel trained in certain basic teaching skills (questioning, feedback, small group leadership, etc.) that can assist cooperating teachers to individualize their instruction more than is possible without such assistance. These personnel are available at specified times as team members on the teacher's instructional staff and assist with those activities in which they are qualified.

General Guidelines for Teacher Assisting Program

1. The Teacher Assistants will follow the Teacher Assisting Calendar for second semester, 1971-1972. A copy is enclosed.
2. The Teacher Assistant is responsible to a specific cooperating teacher in the school and to a proctor on the campus for completing all assignments connected with Teacher Assisting. If, for any reason, the Teacher Assistant is unable to be present, he is to notify the cooperating teacher as early as possible and make arrangements to make up the time missed.
3. The Teacher Assistant should initiate requests to do specific activities associated with NUSTEP learning tasks. If it is not possible to arrange for these specific experiences in the school, the Teacher Assistant should arrange with his proctor to do the activity in simulated situations.
4. The Cooperating Teacher may initiate any activities which will assist in the planning, conducting, and evaluating of his/her classes. It is hoped that a "team" approach to these activities might be utilized to enhance the learning of both the students in the classes and the Teacher Assistant, rather than a "substitute" approach where the activities are done separately and without much discussion or feedback.

TEACHER ASSISTING CALENDAR

Spring, 1972

1. Students are placed for either one full day or for two half-days per week.
2. Students should end all teacher assisting duties by Friday, April 28.

MONTH	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
February	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
	28	29	MARCH 1	2	3
March	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
[The University is on Spring Vacation during the week of March 27-31 and students will not be in attendance for teacher assisting.]					
April	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28

5. At any time that problems arise, the cooperating teacher is requested to call 472-3151 and ask for the subject area specialist or Dr. Kelley, NUSTEP Project Director. Such problems as absenteeism, lack of professionalism, personality conflicts, and subject area deficiencies are examples of problems which we hope to face realistically as soon as they arise.

6. Periodic checks with the Cooperating Teacher on the progress of the Teacher Assistant will be made by the subject area supervisor and/or proctor, and a formal evaluating sheet will be requested from the Cooperating Teacher at the end of the semester. A copy of this form is enclosed for your information.

Instructions for Use of Teacher Assisting Booklet

This list is provided to help identify possible teacher assisting experiences possible during the semester. No specific experience is required, but at least ten different skills in Spiral I and five different skills in Spiral II must be exhibited at satisfactory proficiency levels in order to successfully complete teacher assisting.

While the learning tasks are presented on-campus at given times and it is desirable that practical experiences coincide whenever possible with the on-campus experiences, it is recognized that a flexible schedule of activities is necessary in the schools. This booklet is a guide, not a rigid taskmaster, and schedules jointly arranged by the Teacher Assistant and his cooperating teacher to experience various learning/teaching principles are welcome. Teacher Assistants may move ahead or return to various suggested experiences as they seem appropriate.

Evaluation

If the cooperating teacher wishes (not required) to indicate the quality of work done on a given activity, he/she may so indicate by circling the rating scale (1=not present, 2=unsatisfactory, 3=satisfactory, 4=good, and 5=exemplary) or by writing a comment on the feedback form.

The Teacher Assistant must successfully complete the Teacher Assisting part of NUSTEP in order to receive a passing grade in NUSTEP and a recommendation to move into student teaching, the following semester. The evaluation form included earlier plus the assessment of the proctor as to objectives achieved will serve as data upon which these decisions will be made.

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Areas Where Teacher Assisting Activities are Encouraged

During the semester NUSTEP students will be expected to learn and be expected to exhibit in teacher assisting the following skills: In Spiral I, TEPs will be sensitized to and given initial practice in these skills; Spiral II will build on these skills and add specialized subject area skills; Spiral III will assist in building these skills into a broad teaching style.

On-Campus Learning Task

Instructional Skills

Ability to:

1. Identifying Student and Teacher Behaviors

1. Observe student and teacher behaviors in various learning situations.

2. Observe cues, behaviors, and consequence sequences in various learning situations.

2. Selecting and stating Goals and Objectives

3. Identify course goals

4. Identify objectives for a given lesson or learning activity.

3. Cueing

5. Prepare and ask different levels and types of questions

6. Identify and use various non-verbal cues.

7. Classify different types and levels of cues and responses.

4. Set and Closure

8. Plan and exhibit behaviors which establish set for a learning activity.

9. Analyze student behaviors in response to set.

10. Achieve closure on learning activities.

11. Analyze student behaviors in achieving closure.

5. Feedback

12. Exhibit positive reinforcement behaviors.

13. Build on student ideas.

14. Probe for greater depth in ideas.

6. Collecting Data on Student Performance

15. Systematically collect student performance data.

16. Analyze data collected.

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| 7. Assessing Entering Behaviors | 17. Establish behavioral objective for classroom goal. |
| | 18. Conduct a task analysis on achievement of objective. |
| | 19. Assess entering behaviors of students on objective. |
| 8. Teacher Self-Evaluation | 20. Establish goals for self as a Teacher Assistant. |
| | 21. Develop and use a feedback system to gather data on proficiency in achieving goals as Teacher Assistant. |
| 9. Use of Media | 22. Operate various media available in classroom. |
| | 23. Prepare and use transparencies and other audio-visual aids. |
| 10. Tutoring | 24. Conduct success-based tutoring session. |
| 11. Small Group Leadership | 25. Conduct small group student centered discussion. |
| | 26. Analyze small group roles and behaviors. |

Note to Teacher Assistant: In conference with your cooperating teacher, select at least ten of these skills which you agree to demonstrate in your teacher assisting during the semester. Report your "contract" to your proctor and provide him with feedback data on your progress in achieving these goals.

Spiral II--Only the titles of the learning tasks are given here. The specific skills included in these tasks include some gained in Spiral I plus specialized skills in planning, conducting, and evaluating particular aspects of teaching.

Learning Task

- 21--Subject Area Skills (Each subject area specialist will provide a list of these skills at the beginning of Spiral II)
- 22--Subject Area Skills
23--Subject Area Skills
24--Subject Area Skills
25--Subject Area Skills
26--Subject Area Skills
27--Subject Area Skills
28--Subject Area Skills
29--Subject Area Skills
- 31--Contingency Contracting
32--Behavioral Modification
33--Concept and Principle Learning
34--Problem Solving Learning
35--Skill Learning
36--Evaluation
- 40--Investment Counseling
41--Reality Therapy
42--Human Relations
- 50--Feedback Measures
51--Interaction Analysis
52--Interaction Analysis--Matrix System
53--Instructional Analysis System
54--Inquiry Observational System

Note to Teacher Assistant: In conference with your cooperating teacher, select at least five of the skills associated with these tasks to demonstrate in your teacher assisting. Report your "contract" to your proctor and provide him with feedback data on your progress in achieving these goals.

Spiral III--Only the titles of the learning tasks are given here. The specific skills included in these tasks include those already developed in Spirals I and II plus specialized skills in planning, conducting, and evaluating learning activities in the particular areas identified.

<u>Learning Task</u>	<u>Title</u>
100--	Programs Designed to Assure Student Success
101--	Using Contracts in the Classroom
102--	Helping Students Help Each Other
103--	Recognizing and Providing for Ability Differences
104--	Independent Study
105--	Depth Study on Previous Task
106--	Cultural Awareness
107--	The Junior High School
108--	Programmed Instruction
109--	Special Project in Teacher Assisting
110--	Independent Project in Developing Subject Materials
111--	Purposes of Education
112--	Individualized Instruction
113--	Advanced Skills Through Micro-Teaching
114--	Working in a School Setting: Problems and Issues
115--	Preparation for Student Teaching
116--	Teaching Specific Competencies to Other TEPs
117--	Drug Education for Secondary School Teachers

Note to Teacher Assistant: These tasks are elective in nature and may be incorporated into teacher assisting when approved by your cooperating teacher.

Teacher Assisting Proficiency Checklist

To successfully complete the teacher assisting phase of NUSTEP, the TEP should demonstrate acceptable or higher ratings on at least ten (10) skills in Spiral I. Spiral II and III skills will be specified and minimum performance criteria established by each subject area instructional team.

The competencies checked below have been satisfactorily demonstrated:

On-Campus (Experiences
Micro-teaching)

Competency

Teacher-Assisting
(Rater:Cooperating Teacher
or Supervisor)

Date _____ Proctor _____	1. Observe Student and Teacher...	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	2. Observe cues, behaviors, and..	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	3. Identify course goals	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	4. Identify obj. for a given lesson or...	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	5. Prepare and ask different levels and types...	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	6. Identify and Use various non-verbal cues.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	7. Classify diff. types types and levels of cues..	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	8. Plan and exhibit behaviors which establish set..	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	9. Analyze student behaviors in response to set.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	10. Achieve closure on learning activities.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	11. Analyze student behaviors in achieving ...	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	12. Exhibit positive reinforcement behaviors.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	13. Build on Student Ideas.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	14. Probe for greater depth in Ideas.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	15. Systematically Collect Student Performance Data	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Spiral I (Continued)

On-Campus Instruction		Competency	Teacher Assisting	
Date _____	Proctor _____	16. Analyze Data Collected.	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5
Date _____	Proctor _____	17. Establish Behavioral Objective for..	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5
Date _____	Proctor _____	18. Conduct a task Analysis on Achievement of.	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5
Date _____	Proctor _____	19. Assess Entering Behaviors of Students on...	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5
Date _____	Proctor _____	20. Establish Goals for self as a Teacher ...	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5
Date _____	Proctor _____	21. Develop and use Feedback system to gather...	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5
Date _____	Proctor _____	22. Operate various Media Available in Classroom.	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5
Date _____	Proctor _____	23. Prepare and Use Transparencies and Other ...	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5
Date _____	Proctor _____	24. Conduct success-based tutoring session.	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5
Date _____	Proctor _____	25. Conduct small group student-centered	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5
Date _____	Proctor _____	26. Analyze small group roles and Behaviors.	Date _____ Rater _____	1 2 3 4 5

Spiral II

On-Campus Instruction	Competency	Teacher Assisting
Date _____ Proctor _____	1.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	2.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	3.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	4.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	5.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	6.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	7.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	8.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	9.	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	10. Contingency Contracting	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	11. Behavioral Objectives	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	12. Concept and Principle Learning	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	13. Problem Solving Learning	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Spiral II (Continued)

On-Campus Instruction	Competency	Teacher Assisting
Date _____ Proctor _____	14. Skill Learning	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	15. Evaluation	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	16. Investment Counseling	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	17. Reality Therapy	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	18. Feedback Measures	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	19. Interaction Analysis	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	20. Interaction Analysis: Matrix Interpretation	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	21. Instructional Analysis System	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	22. Inquiry Observational System	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5
Date _____ Proctor _____	23. Human Relations	Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Spiral IIIOn-Campus InstructionCompetencyTeacher Assisting

Date _____ Proctor _____

1. Programs Designed
to Assure Student
Success

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

2. Using Contracts
in the
Classroom

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

3. Helping Students
Help Each Other

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

4. Recognizing and
Providing for
Ability
Differences

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

5. Independent
Study

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

6. Depth Study
on Previous
Task

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

7. Cultural
Awareness

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

8. The Junior
High School

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

9. Programmed
Instruction

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

10. Special
Project in
Teacher
Assisting

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

11. Independent
Project in
Developing
Subject
Materials

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Spiral III (Continued)On-Campus InstructionCompetencyTeacher Assisting

Date _____ Proctor _____

12. Purposes of
Education

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

13. Individualized
Instruction

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

14. Advanced
Skills Through
Micro-
Teaching

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

15. Working in a
School Setting:
Problems and
Issues

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

16. Preparation for
Student
Teaching

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

17. Teaching
Specific
Competencies to
Other TEPs

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Date _____ Proctor _____

18. Drug Education
For Secondary
School
Teachers

Date _____ Rater _____ 1 2 3 4 5